

# The A. B. Pugh Class

St. Barnabas' Ward Sunday School  
Methodist Episcopal Church  
Washington



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# HISTORY OF THE A. B. PUGH CLASS

Mount Vernon Place Sunday School  
Methodist Episcopal Church, South



REV. J. HOWARD WELLS, Pastor  
W. W. MILLAN, Superintendent

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ARTHUR B. PUGH

TEACHER

## Historical Sketch



URING the middle or later eighties there was a small class of young men in the Sunday School of Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church, South, taught by George P. Cannon. It was known as the "J. S. Gardner Class," having been named for the Rev. J. S. Gardner, D. D., a noted minister of the Gospel in the Baltimore Conference, recently passed to his reward.

Owing to failing health Mr. Cannon removed from the city of Washington in the year 1888 and was succeeded by Charles D. Bulla, who continued as teacher of the class until April, 1894, when, called to a wider field of usefulness, he joined the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, South, and has been since engaged in the active work of the ministry.

Mr. Bulla was born and reared in the State of Missouri. He came to Washington in September, 1887, to accept a position in the War Department, which he held until he resigned to enter the ministry. In a recent letter from Mr. Bulla to the class historian, he says:

"On my first Sunday in Washington, October 2, 1887, I went to Mount Vernon Place Church and was cordially received. Rev. Samuel W. Haddaway was pastor. During the seven and one-half years I was connected with Mount Vernon Place, I was identified with the work of the church, and formed the best friendships of my life. I am debtor to Mount Vernon Place beyond my ability to pay."

As a minister of the Gospel Mr. Bulla has served important charges in Roanoke and Winchester, Va., in Baltimore, Md., and is now serving his fourth year in Alexandria, Va. Soon after he took charge of the class a new name was given to it, and for a number of years it was known as the "David and Jonathan Class."

Mr. Bulla was succeeded as teacher by R. E. L. Smith, who successfully filled the important office until March, 1901, when,



RICHARD T BUCKINGHAM  
ASSISTANT TEACHER

having removed from Washington, he was succeeded by Arthur B. Pugh, the present teacher. 4th

Mr. Smith is a native of Maryland, a lawyer by profession, an earnest Christian gentleman, and has been for many years a faithful worker in the church. He now resides at Rockville, Md.

From 1899 to 1902 the class occupied a small room in a corner of the church. This proved to be wholly inadequate to accommodate the increasing membership, and in 1902 a larger room in another part of the church, which had been at one time used as the pastor's study, was fitted up and furnished by the class at its own expense, and thereafter used and occupied as a class room until December, 1907. Prior to this last mentioned date, however, the class membership so far outgrew the capacity of the new class room that it became necessary to secure still larger quarters. The needs were pressing, and to meet them as far as possible under existing conditions, the class was accorded the use of the parlor of the church, where it now holds its sessions.

March 11, 1906, the class was organized on modern or "New Movement" plans, which event marks an important epoch in its history. A constitution was adopted, and from that date we reckon the most substantial and gratifying progress. A class spirit and bond of union were brought into life and soon became, and still continue to be, powerful agencies for accomplishing good results. Each member has learned to feel that in his work he has the united sympathy and support of his fellow-members and that in all Christian endeavor the strength of the entire class is his. A large increase in the membership was one of the immediate results. A new name was chosen by the members and the organization has been since known as the A. B. Pugh Class. 2 years later  
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March 17, 1908, a new constitution was adopted—one better suited to the larger membership, and better calculated to meet the increasing demands of a wider and more extended field of usefulness.

Under the old constitution officers were elected semiannually in the months of April and October. They were President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Class Historian. The first officers, elected April, 1906, were as follows: President, E. H. Thomas 1st set



ENFIELD H. THOMAS  
FIRST PRESIDENT

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(Virginia); Vice-President, Francis P. Heartsill (Texas); Secretary, E. A. Upton (Arkansas); Treasurer, J. N. Kelly (South Carolina).

The officers elected October, 1906, were: President, E. A. Upton (Arkansas); Vice-President, J. W. Racey (Virginia); Secretary, E. E. Stacy (Virginia); Treasurer, Willis S. Warren (North Carolina); Class Historian, Edwin S. Rowzee (Virginia).

The officers elected April, 1907, were: President, J. W. Racey (Virginia); Vice-President, W. A. McMillan (South Carolina); Treasurer, Fred R. Martin (Alabama); Secretary, E. E. Stacy (Virginia); Class Historian, Willis B. Robinson (District of Columbia).

In October, 1907, the same officers were elected for another term of six months.

The first officers elected under the new constitution were as follows: President, F. M. Betts (Arkansas, resigned in June, 1908, and Fred R. Martin was elected to fill vacancy); Vice-President, George W. Summers (Virginia); Secretary, Bernard N. Coe (Virginia); Assistant Secretary, T. F. Wright (Virginia); Treasurer, L. T. Furr (Virginia, resigned in September, 1908, and was succeeded by S. W. Rogers); Assistant Treasurer, Henry A. Cox (Tennessee); Class Historian, E. E. Stacy (Virginia).

*1909* The present officers are: President, Fred R. Martin (Alabama); Vice-President, Charles G. Jarboe (Maryland); Secretary, James Ora Tolbert (Iowa); Assistant Secretary, W. H. Harlan (Virginia); Treasurer, Willis S. Warren (North Carolina); Assistant Treasurer, Henry A. Cox (Tennessee); Class Historian, Edward F. Linkins (Virginia).

R. T. Buckingham, of Virginia, was regularly appointed Assistant Teacher.

The contributions of the class to the current expenses of the Sunday School and for the cause of missions, though small in the early history and somewhat irregular at other times, have largely increased in recent years.

Since its organization the class has held a number of interesting entertainments and banquets for the benefit of its members and friends. Chief among these was an entertainment and banquet given especially for the benefit of the several classes of young ladies of the



EDWARD A. UPTON  
SECOND PRESIDENT

Sunday School in the spring of 1906. A year later the compliment was returned by the young ladies in a most splendid manner, a treat which the class greatly enjoyed.

In 1907 the class accepted a challenge by the Men's Society of Mount Vernon Place Church to debate the following question: "Resolved, that with the approval of the Cuban people the annexation of the Island of Cuba would be beneficial to the United States." The Men's Society had the affirmative of the question and was ably represented in the debate. The class in supporting the negative of the question was represented by D. C. Chambers, E. A. Upton, and J. W. Racey. The negative won, the honors falling to the representatives of this class.

February 28, 1908, another public debate was held, which was participated in by M. D. Keefer and F. A. Millot from the Worley Class of Bethany Baptist Church of this city, and by W. R. Scott and Charles G. Jarboe of this class. The question was: "Resolved, that immigration to the United States should be further restricted." The Worley Class, having choice of sides, chose the affirmative. The debate was interesting, entertaining, and instructive. The negative of the question was splendidly presented and sustained by the representatives of this class, who came out more than conquerors, winning the debate with ease.

As expressly declared in the constitution, however, the chief objects of the organization are Bible study and Christian culture. Mutual helpfulness, social intercourse, the development of those lines of character that bind men together in a common brotherhood, and the advancement of the membership in the field of literature, are also important features of the work.

In all things the class is loyal to the Sunday School and to the Church. We are part of the Sunday School and in all our work subject to its authority. The class elects its own officers, but the teacher and assistant teacher are appointed through the regular methods prescribed for the government of the Sunday School. We aim to cultivate this spirit of loyalty in our membership. We believe it should be a dominant principle of all organized classes; otherwise, dangerous rocks are sure to appear in the course of the adult class movement.



JOHN W. RACEY

THIRD PRESIDENT

The membership of the class is made up of young men (generally between the ages of 20 and 35 years), mostly from the South, though a number of other States have been and are represented. Every State south of the Potomac, except Florida, is represented in the present membership; also the States of Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Wisconsin. Many of the members hold positions in the Civil Service and attend lectures in the colleges mornings and evenings before and after office hours. Thus they are enabled to take advantage of the exceptional educational opportunities the national capital affords. As a rule they remain from two to four years. But few remain longer. When they have fitted themselves for their chosen life work most of them go away from the city. They either return to their homes or go to some other inviting field to take their places in the affairs of the world and to assume the larger responsibilities which their opportunities and educational acquirements have placed upon them. Thus it is that many leave the class every year, while others come to take their places.

Young men are coming to the national capital in increasing numbers as the years go by. The time they spend here is usually brief, and is during the period of life when they need the social and religious influences of the Sunday School and Church. This class aims to reach as many of them as possible and to furnish them a church home while in the city. We induce many to join us, and endeavor to help them socially, morally, and spiritually. Along these lines we believe the class is doing a good work.

Probably more than 350 young men have gone out from this class during its rather brief history to meet and grapple with the problems of life. Among them have been business men, lawyers, physicians, dentists, civil engineers, and members of other professions. It is impossible to give exact figures because of the loss of some of the class records containing the names of many former members. It is also impossible to give the present addresses of a large number of the former members whose names we have, for the reason that prior to the organization of March, 1906, no effort was made to keep track of those who removed from the city.



FRANK M. BETTS  
FOURTH PRESIDENT

## Former Members



HE following is a list of former members so far as the existing records show, with such information as we have respecting them:

STEWART ANGELO. Now member of St. Paul M. E. Church, South, Washington, D. C.

GUY ANGELO. Now member of St. Paul M. E. Church, South, Washington, D. C.

RAY S. ASHTON.

W. H. ATWELL. Now member of Church of the Covenant (Presbyterian), Washington, D. C.

H. C. BAILEY.

B. B. BARRETT. Returned to his native State, Georgia.

ROBERT BARRON. An original member of the class.

RUTLAND E. BEARD.

ARTHUR BENNETT. An original member; now a practicing dentist in Panama.

D. W. BELL.

FRANK M. BETTS. Law graduate; returned to his native State, Arkansas; now practicing law at Little Rock; a former president of the class.

C. R. BOWLING.

E. T. BOYKIN.

JOHN H. BRADFORD.

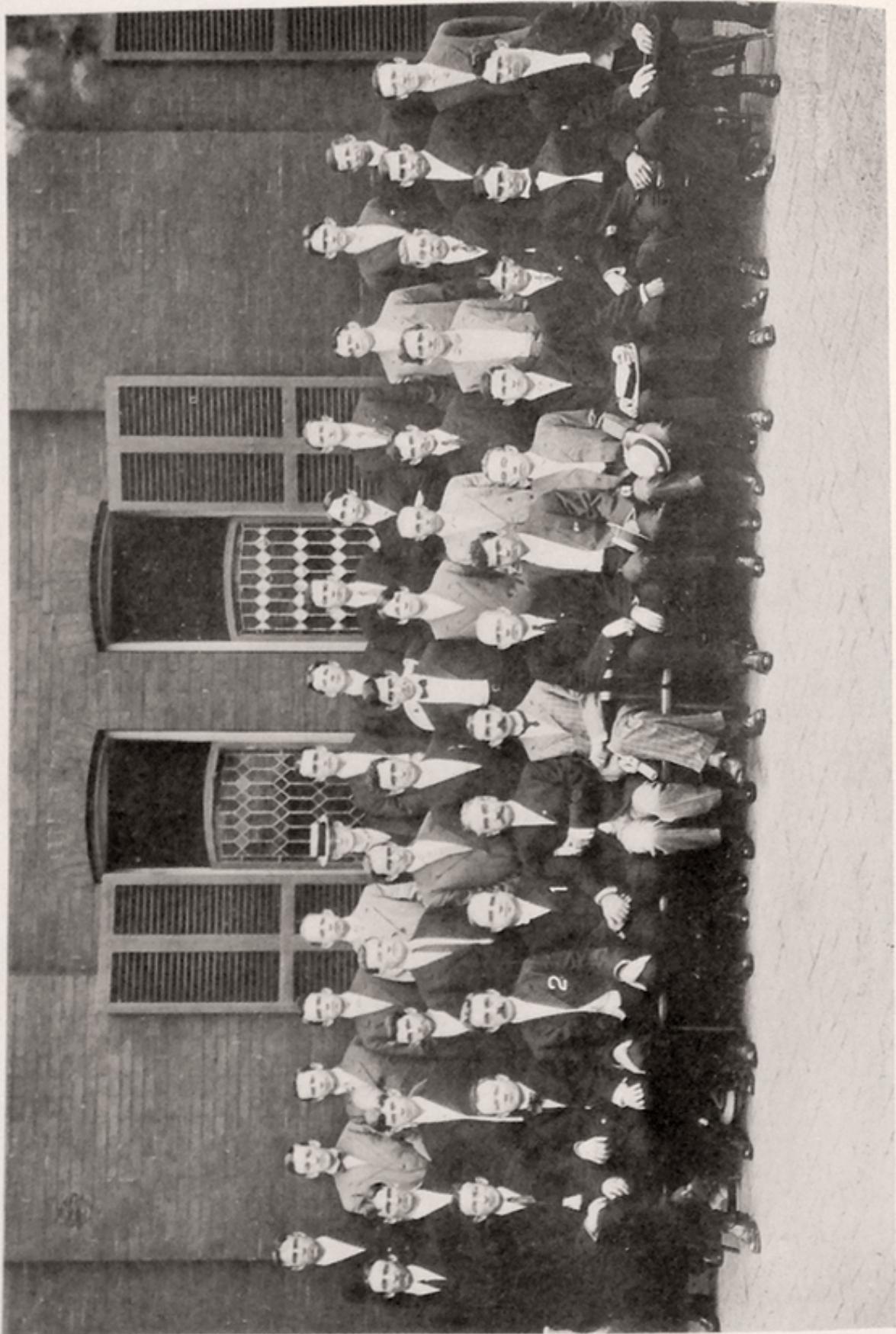
BOYD M. BREITLING. Returned to his native State, Alabama; now in business there.

H. O. BRUBAKER.

C. A. BUCKNELL.

NORMAN W. BURGESS.

J. O. BURRUSS. Resides in Washington, D. C.; now a member of St. Paul M. E. Church, South



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS PRESENT SUNDAY, JULY 11, 1909, AND

(1) REV. J. HOWARD WELLS, PASTOR

(2) MR. W. W. MILLAN, SUPERINTENDENT

R. G. CALLAHAN.

JAMES R. CARTER. Returned to his native State, Illinois.

JULIAN E. CATON.

S. G. COMPTON. An Electrician; has returned to Alabama.

J. A. COOKE.

G. EDWIN COOPER. An original member; now resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.

J. D. COX.

KENNETH C. CRAIN.

W. L. CRAIN.

WILLIAM FORD CRAMER.

E. B. CRANFORD. In business in Washington, D. C.; now a member of St. Paul M. E. Church, South.

J. H. DANA.

I. E. DAVIS. In business in West Virginia.

D. EDWIN DAVIS.

F. E. DAVIS.

HENRY H. DEMAIN.

LOUIS DEPREE.

GEORGE S. DERRY.

J. H. DILL.

CHARLES F. DIXON.

M. L. DOBYNS.

W. C. DOLLMAN. Physician; removed from Washington.

FRANK C. DOUGLAS. A native of Alabama; now in the U. S. Forest Service at Panguitch, Utah.

W. L. DOUGLAS.

C. DU BOISE.

WILLIAM DUNKERLY.

J. B. EDWARDS.

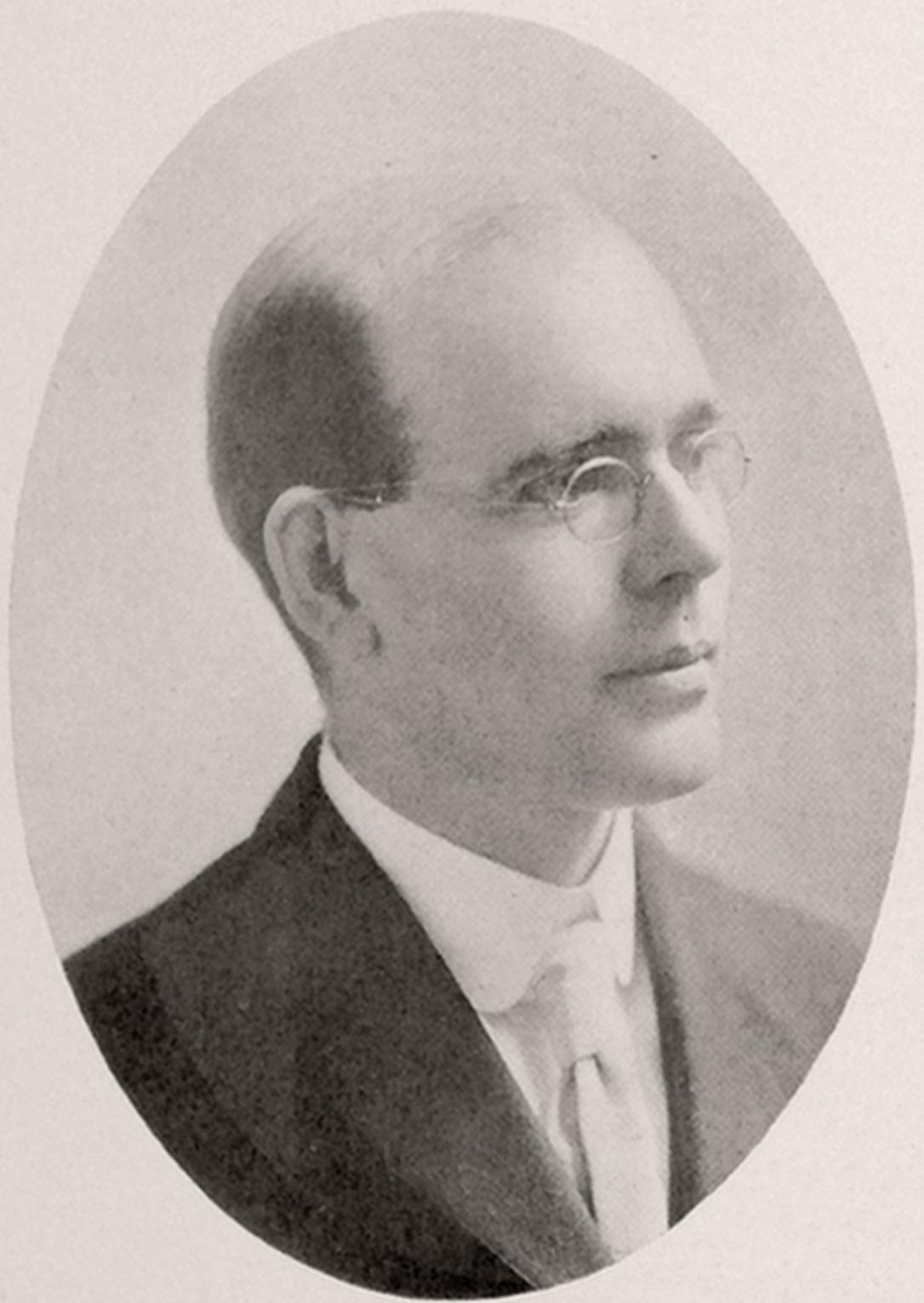
STEWART ELLIS. From Missouri, now a broker in Washington.

W. S. ERWIN.

EUGENE B. EVANS. In business in Washington, D. C.

W. S. FAULKNER.

CHARLES A. FLORA.



FRED RAGAN MARTIN  
PRESIDENT

LITTELL FUNKHOUSER.

LESTER T. FURR. Returned to his native State, Virginia.

RAY A. GILDER.

W. W. GLENN.

H. W. GOODE.

EMORY E. GOSE. Electrician; returned to his native State, Texas.

R. R. GRANT.

BERNARD GREEN. Now attends Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church, Washington, D. C.

WALTER A. GREER. Paymaster, United States Navy—Philippine Islands.

W. D. HAILLE.

JULIAN HARRIS.

F. A. HARRISON.

T. A. HARRISON.

EDWARD E. HARRIS.

WILLIAM GUY HARRIS.

EUGENE HASKINS.

WILFORD HEARN.

✓ LEON HERBERT. An original member; in business in Washington, D. C.

• J. B. HOGE.

J. M. HOLLOWAY.

• BARRY HOPPER.

JAMES B. HOYT.

J. P. HILL.

H. P. HILL.

R. B. HUGHES. With Southern Railway, Birmingham, Ala.

FRANK E. HUNT. Returned to his native State, Alabama.

CLIFTON L. JAMES.

ALVARD JOHNSON. Returned to his native State, Texas.

W. M. JOHNSON.

LOUIS JOHNSON.

THOMAS C. JOHNSTON.

T. C. JOHNSON.

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CHARLES G. JARBOE  
VICE-PRESIDENT

MAXWELL L. JONES.

JESSE O. JOLLIFF.

J. R. JONES.

G. EDGAR JONES.

J. L. JONES.

JOSEPH KEEFER. Holds official position in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.

CHARLES M. KEEFER. In business in Washington, D. C.; now member of St. Paul M. E. Church, South.

WILBUR KEEFER.

HENRY M. KEELING.

ALBERT KEEN.

JOSEPH C. KELLETT. Returned to his native State, Alabama.

JAMES B. LAMKIN. Returned to his native State, Georgia.

C. LANCASTER. Electrician; returned to his native State, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD LANHAM.

WILLIAM H. LITTLEPAGE. Physician; practices in Washington, D. C.

JOSEPH B. LITTLEPAGE.

W. A. LYNCH.

W. L. LYNCH.

L. W. MALONE

BENJAMIN MARTIN, Jr.

D. CHESTER MARTIN. Electrician; has returned to his native State, Pennsylvania.

W. H. MAST.

MAURICE H. MAXWELL.

GLEN MEDAIRY. Returned to his native State, Illinois.

ELISHA MCKNEW.

J. B. McMILLAN. Returned to his native State Pennsylvania, and is practicing law in Philadelphia.

HENRY H. MCNEER.

C. C. MICHAEL.

F. HOWARD MOORE.



JAMES ORA TOLBERT

SECRETARY

RICHARD O. MULLIKIN. In business in Washington, D. C.; now member of St. Paul M. E. Church, South.

P. S. MURRILL.

BELLINGER NEELY.

W. W. NEAL.

C. H. NIXON.

C. W. OWEN.

C. P. PAGE.

J. M. PETTY. Lieutenant in United States Army.

ISRAEL C. PIPER.

R. W. POWER.

HOWARD RACEY.

B. R. RICHARDS. Returned to his native State, Virginia.

C. B. RICHARDS.

F. O. RICHEY.

HARRY H. RIDDLEBERGER. Now a lawyer in Norfolk, Va.

FRANK RIDDLEBERGER.

FRANK R. RILEY.

J. EARL ROSS.

MONTAGUE S. ROSS

B. PARKS RUCKER.

H. COWLES RUCKER Physician; practices in Virginia.

FOREST SANDRIDGE.

WILLIAM R. SCOTT. From Kentucky; now in newspaper business at Paducah.

H. S. SHEPARD.

HARRY L. SMITHSON.

W. F. SMITH.

J. C. SNELL.

S. T. SPARROWS.

CHARLES E. STARKE.

CHARLES M. STUMP. From Virginia; in business in Washington, D. C.

B. F. TART. Returned to his native State, North Carolina.

T. P. TAYLOR.



WILLIS S. WARREN  
TREASURER

W. E. THOMPSON. Law graduate; now practicing his profession at Jacksonville, Ill., his former home.

ENFIELD H. THOMAS. Law graduate; originally from Virginia; now practicing his profession at Fort Smith, Ark.; the first president of the class.

THADDEUS THOMPSON.

GEORGE TILDEN.

A. W. TINNELL.

S. A. TODD. In business in Baltimore, Md.

F. C. TOWNSLEY.

NORMAN WADE.

LOUIS C. WALKER.

REUBEN WARNER. In business in Washington, D. C.

W. C. WEAVER.

R. W. WHEELER.

E. MARVIN WHITE

GASTON B. WHITE.

E. R. WHITE.

MELVIN H. WHITE.

JOHN WHITT.

FRANK WIGHTMAN.

ALFRED WILDMAN.

JARED B. WISE.

W. G. YOUNG. Originally from Tennessee; graduate in medicine; practicing his profession in Washington, D. C. Attends Foundry M. E. Church.

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HENRY AUBERY COX  
ASSISTANT TREASURER



EDWARD F. LINKINS  
HISTORIAN

## In Memoriam.

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GEORGE P. CANNON,  
First Teacher of the Class.

ARTHUR GARNER.

ERNEST HALLEY.

JOSEPH W. HARPER.

HUGH H. RIDDLEBERGER.

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**Present Members**



HE PRESENT members of the class are given below with the States from which they come, their employment or business connections in Washington, their church affiliations, if any, and the dates they joined the class. (Unmarried unless otherwise stated.)

PUGH, ARTHUR B., the class teacher, is from Virginia. He is a lawyer, and has practiced his profession in Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington City. For several years he has been connected with the Department of Justice, and now holds the office of Special Assistant Attorney-General.

AUSTIN, HAMILTON L., Arkansas; clerk War Department; became a member of the class February 21, 1909; studying for a profession.

BARBEE, ROBERT A., Virginia; stenographer; member of Mount Vernon Place Church since June, 1906; member of the class since November, 1908; graduated from Georgetown University School of Law June, 1908.

BARR, ROBERT FRANK, Virginia; traveling salesman; member of M. E. Church, South, since 1885; joined the class in February, 1908.

BETTS, ASA FREEMAN, Arkansas; clerk Post Office Department; became a member of the class in 1907.

BLALOCK, ELGIN H., Texas; clerk War Department; member of Mount Vernon Place Church and of this class since June 26, 1909.

BOSTICK, JOHN A., Arkansas; clerk Post Office Department; joined the class in 1905.

BRADFORD, JOHN H. No data furnished.

BREITMEYER, GEORGE, Indiana; draftsman; member of Mount Vernon Place Church and of this class since July 4, 1909.

BROOKS, HARRY L., Maine; clerk Interstate Commerce Commission; member of M. E. Church since 1898; married July, 1907; joined the class April 25, 1909.

BROWNLOW, LOUIS, a native of Missouri, now from Tennessee; in newspaper business; has traveled extensively in foreign countries, and just completed a trip around the world; member of Mount Vernon Place Church and of class about two years.

BUCKINGHAM, RICHARD THOMAS, Virginia; clerk Civil Service Commission; member of M. E. Church, South, since 1886; married October 15, 1896; joined the class in July, 1903. Mr. Buckingham is the assistant teacher.

BURR, E. W. No data furnished.

BUTTS, EDWARD H., West Virginia; clerk Bureau of Corporations; became a member of Mount Vernon Place Church and of this class in October, 1908. Married September 15, 1908.

CHAMBERS, DAVID CLOPTON, Alabama; financial clerk Spanish Claims Commission; member of Mount Vernon Place Church; joined the class in 1904; married October 23, 1901. Mr. Chambers spent two years in the Samoan Islands in the employ of the Samoan Government.

CHAMBERS, WILLIAM H., Alabama; member of Mount Vernon Place Church since 1896; joined the class in 1904; married in April, 1909.

COE, BERNARD N., Virginia; clerk Southern Railway Office; member of M. E. Church, South, since 1902, and of class since 1905.

COFFEY, GEORGE NELSON, North Carolina; scientist, Bureau of Soils; member of Second Adventist Church at Patterson, N. C.; joined the class in August, 1907; holds a degree from George Washington University; studying for degree of Ph. D.

COFFMAN, WILLIAM L., Virginia; insurance business, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1892; married June 7, 1906; law graduate; member of the class since 1902.

COPELAND, LEE HAMPTON, Virginia; private secretary to Auditor, Southern Railway Company; married.

COX, HENRY AUBERY, Tennessee; Department of Commerce and

Labor; member of Mount Vernon Place Church since January, 1909; member of the class since January, 1908; law student, George Washington University. Recently elected assistant treasurer of the class.

CRANFORD, JAMES W., Virginia; in Railway Mail Service; member of the class since June, 1909.

DRAKE, JAMES PERRY, Mississippi; clerk Bureau of Navigation; became a member of Mount Vernon Place Church and of this class in January, 1909.

FILER, J. F. No data furnished.

FRAVEL, R. H., Virginia; student; member of M. E. Church South; joined the class in January, 1908.

FRITTS, J. T. No data furnished.

GLENN, MURRAY W., Virginia; railway postal clerk; member of M. E. Church, South, since 1897; joined the class October 28, 1907; married October 28, 1908.

GROOVER, THOMAS ALLEN, Georgia; practicing physician in Washington D. C.; member of Mount Vernon Place Church and of this class since 1894; married in September, 1904; graduated from the medical college of Columbian (now George Washington) University in 1898; was at one time physician to the Isthmian Canal Commission in Nicaragua.

HALL, SAMUEL J., District of Columbia; salesman; member of the Presbyterian Church; married August 5, 1908; became a member of the class in February, 1909; married.

HARDAWAY, DAVID L., born in Kentucky, now from Virginia clerk Bureau of Engraving and Printing; member of Mount Vernon Place Church since 1898; became a member of the class in 1900.

HARLAN, ASHLAN FLEETWOOD, Virginia; clerk; member of Mount Vernon Place Church and of this class since June, 1900; married January 5, 1904.

HARLAN, WILLIAM H., Virginia; civil engineer; joined the class in October, 1908; recently elected assistant secretary of the class.

HEARTSILL, FRANCIS P., Texas; clerk Post Office Department; member of M. E. Church, South, since 1892, and member of this class

since 1904; received the degree of A. B. from New York University, New York City, in 1902; married October 15, 1907.

HOOD, OSCAR MONROE, Mississippi; clerk Post Office Department; member of M. E. Church, South, since 1899; joined this class in 1898; attends lectures at Y. M. C. A. night school.

HUDDLESTON, J. LESTER, West Virginia; member of M. E. Church, South, since 1903; became a member of the class October, 1908; student, Bliss Electrical School.

JARBOE, CHARLES G., Maryland; Assistant Examiner in Patent Office; became a member of the class in June, 1907; graduated from National Law School in 1908, and in patent law from the Law School of George Washington University in 1909. Recently elected Vice-President of the class.

JONES, G. EDGAR. No data furnished.

KELLY, JOSEPH N., North Carolina; in business in Washington, D. C.

KESSLER, COURTLAND L., Virginia; clerk Navy Department; joined Mount Vernon Place Church in October, 1905; member of the class since May, 1904.

LANHAM, WILLIAM H., Virginia; President, Ballard & Lanham Real Estate Company, Washington, D. C.; became a member of Mount Vernon Place Church and of this class in 1905.

LEAMAN, IRA L. No data furnished.

LIGON, J. FRANK, Virginia; compositor; member of M. E. Church, South, since 1902; became a member of the class February 21, 1909.

LINKINS, EDWARD F., Virginia; clerk Interstate Commerce Commission; member of Mount Vernon Place Church since March, 1908; became a member of the class in 1907; recently elected Class Historian.

MARTIN, FRED RAGAN, Alabama; clerk Auditor's Office, Department of Agriculture; member of M. E. Church, South, since 1894; joined this class May 20, 1906, his first Sunday in Washington; married at San Antonio, Texas, June 2, 1908; graduated from Georgetown University School of Law in June, 1909; twice elected President of the class.

MCCLAY, WILLIAM A., Pennsylvania; member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; became a member of the class in January, 1909.

MCLARIN, HOWARD, Georgia; stenographer; studying for a profession; became a member of the class February 21, 1909.

McMILLEN, P. W., West Virginia; civil engineer; member of the M. E. Church at Masonville, West Virginia; joined the class February 28, 1909.

✓ McMILLAN, WALTER A., South Carolina; clerk Interstate Commerce Commission; member of M. E. Church, South, since 1889; became a member of this class in 1903; medical student, George Washington University.

MILLS, O. O. No data furnished.

PAGEL, EDWARD W., Wisconsin; clerk Stonleigh Court; member of Lutheran Church since 1896; became a member of this class in 1908; studying for a profession.

RACEY, JOHN WESLEY, Virginia; real estate broker, Washington, D. C.; member of Lutheran Church at St. Luke, Virginia, since 1899; a former President of the class.

ROBEY, E. R., North Carolina; clerk Department of Agriculture; member of Mount Vernon Place Church and of this class since 1908.

ROBINSON, WILLIS B., Maryland; electrician, Washington, D. C.; member of Mount Vernon Place Church since 1892; one of the early members of the class; married September 5, 1907.

ROGERS, SILAS WESLEY, Arkansas; law student, George Washington University; member of M. E. Church, South, since 1907; joined the class June 1, 1908.

✓ ROWZEE, EDWIN S., Virginia; accountant, Washington, D. C.; joined the class in 1905; married June 5, 1907.

RUFFNER, CHARLES EDWARD, Virginia; railway postal clerk; member of M. E. Church, South, since August, 1892; graduated from Georgetown University School of Law in June, 1909.

SHAULL, WILLIAM, S., West Virginia; clerk Navy Department; member of Mount Vernon Place Church and of this class since August, 1908.

SHOUTZ, E. H. No data furnished.

SHREVE, BENJAMIN D., Virginia; clerk Indian Office, Department of the Interior; member of Mount Vernon Place Church and of this class since 1906; graduated from Georgetown University School of Law in June, 1909; married June 16, 1908.

SMITH, HENRY WRIGHTSON; Maryland; pharmacist; joined Mount Vernon Place Church in 1892; married April 23, 1902; an original member of the class.

SMOOT, STEPHEN I., Washington, D. C.; member of Mount Vernon Place Church and of this class since January, 1909.

STACY, ERLE E., Virginia; in plumbing business, Washington, D. C.; joined Mount Vernon Place Church in 1907; member of the class since April, 1906; married June 2, 1909.

STEARNS, ORLO FOSTER, Vermont; joined the class July 26, 1908; student George Washington University.

SUMMERS, GEORGE W., Virginia; real estate broker, Washington D. C.; joined the class in July, 1906.

THOMAS, DAVID E., Massachusetts; bookkeeper and stenographer, Bureau of Education; joined the class June 1, 1908; married July 14, 1909.

THOMAS, WILSON L., Virginia; clerk War Department; member of Mount Vernon Place Church since 1906; joined the class in February, 1907.

TOLBERT, JAMES ORA, born in Kansas; came to Washington from Iowa; clerk Interstate Commerce Commission; joined Mount Vernon Place Church May 2, 1909; member of the class since March, 1908; recently elected Secretary of the class.

TROUPE, J. No data furnished.

TUCK, A. W., North Carolina; railway postal clerk; member of the class since August, 1908.

UPTON, EDWARD A., born in Louisiana; came to Washington from Arkansas; clerk War Department; member M. E. Church, South, since 1894; joined the class in 1901; student Georgetown University School of Law; a former President of the class.

WARREN, WILLIS S., North Carolina; clerk Reclamation Service,

Department of the Interior; member of Mount Vernon Place Church; member of the class since November 25, 1906. Recently elected treasurer of the class.

WILCOXSON, WILBUR, Maryland; joined Mount Vernon Place Church July 11, 1909; joined the class July 18, 1909.

WRIGHT, T. F., Virginia; traveling salesman; member of M. E. Church, South, since 1900; member of the class since September, 1907.

YOUNG, ROBERT A., Tennessee; clerk Post Office Department; member of M. E. Church, South, since 1900; member of the class since 1906; law student, Georgetown University.

This history is closed September 1, 1909, the time of year when the class enrolment is at its lowest. During the months when the schools and colleges are open, the enrolment usually reaches about one hundred members.

Class Colors: Gray and Red





*This must have been when  
the class was organized 1908-09*

# CONSTITUTION.

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*No. 1908-sec  
Art. IV, Sec. 2*

## ARTICLE I.

NAME.—This class shall be called the A. B. PUGH CLASS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OF MOUNT VERNON PLACE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

## ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.—The objects of the class shall be Bible study, Christian culture, social intercourse, mutual helpfulness, advancement in literary attainments, and aggressive effort to bring young men into the Sunday School and Church.

## ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.—This class is primarily for young men, but any man over the age of 16 years may become a member by attending the meetings and signifying a desire to join.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OFFICERS—HOW ELECTED.

SECTION 1. Officers of this class shall be a Teacher, Assistant Teacher, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Class Historian.

SEC. 2. The officers, except the Teacher and Assistant Teacher, shall be elected at the regular business meeting in the month of April of each year, which shall be known as the annual meeting; except that for the year 1908-09 the officers may be elected at the meeting at which this Constitution shall be adopted. The election shall be by ballot, and a majority of the members present shall be required to elect. The selection of a Teacher and Assistant Teacher shall be subject to the regular method prescribed by the law of the Sunday School.

## ARTICLE V.

### COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The standing committees of the class shall be as follows: Membership Committee, Reception Committee, Devotional Committee, Social and Entertainment Committee, and Finance Committee.

SEC. 2. The chairman of each standing committee shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Teacher. Each chairman shall appoint his own assistants, by and with the advice and consent of the Teacher.

SEC. 3. The officers of the class, together with the chairmen of the standing committees, shall constitute an Executive Committee.

SEC. 4. Special committees may be appointed from time to time, as necessity may arise, in the same manner as provided for the appointment of standing committees.

SEC. 5. The Teacher and President shall be ex officio members of all committees.

## ARTICLE VI.

### MEETINGS OF THE CLASS.

SECTION 1. There shall be a meeting of the class every Sunday at the usual Sunday School hour for the study of the Bible.

SEC. 2. A regular business meeting of the class shall be held once a month at such time as may be designated by the class. Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 3. Special business meetings may be called at any time by the Teacher, President, Executive Committee, or any five members of the class, by giving notice to the class on the Sunday previous to the meeting.

## ARTICLE VII.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at any time by the President or Teacher of the class.

SEC. 2. The chairman of a standing committee may call his committee together at any time, or the Teacher or the President of the class may at any time call a meeting of any one or more of the standing committees.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. (a) The Teacher shall have general charge of the Bible lesson and of the entire class exercises on each Sunday. (b) The Assistant Teacher shall perform these duties in the absence of the Teacher.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all business meetings of the class, whether regular or special, and shall be the general executive officer. He shall be chairman of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 3. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President.

SEC. 4. (a) The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the business meetings, and shall conduct all correspondence relating to the general work of the class; he shall also keep a correct record of the class enrolment and of the attendance of members at all meetings of the class; he shall hand a written report to the Secretary of the Sunday School each Sunday. He shall further hand to the chairman of the Membership Committee each Sunday a list of all members who have been absent from the class for three consecutive Sundays. (b) The Assistant Secretary shall act as Secretary in his absence.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and shall pay them out as directed by the class in harmony with the rules of the Sunday School. He shall make a full written report of all receipts and disbursements at each annual meeting of the class. He shall also report to the Treasurer of the Sunday

School each Sunday, and to the class as often as required. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in the performance of his duties.

SEC. 6. The Class Historian shall keep an accurate record of the class membership, to be preserved in permanent form, in which shall be noted a brief sketch of each member of the class, showing the commencement of his membership and the date of its termination, with the cause thereof, together with any facts relating to or connected with his occupation, calling, life-work, or family history that may be deemed of interest to other members of the class. It shall be his duty to keep in touch, by correspondence or otherwise, as far as practicable, with all members who, for any cause, sever their connection with the class, and shall enter in the class history such facts in connection with those who go out from the class as may be of interest to other members. He shall also, at the close of each year, place on record a detailed statement of the contributions given by this class during the year for all purposes.

SEC. 7. The Executive Committee, in addition to the duties hereinbefore stated, shall have general supervision of the class work, under the ultimate control of the class.

SEC. 8. The Membership Committee shall have general charge of the work of building up the class, by securing new members and introducing them. This Committee shall receive from the Secretary the names of all members who have been absent from the class for three consecutive Sundays, and shall look after them and inquire into the cause of their absence, and shall visit and look after all members who are sick or for any cause detained from attendance upon the class. This Committee shall have the right to call upon any member or members of the class to assist in the discharge of its duties.

SEC. 9. The Reception Committee shall see that all persons attending the class receive a hearty welcome and shall endeavor to make strangers acquainted with one another and with the class. This Committee shall also see that the class room is in proper order for the meetings of the class.

SEC. 10. The Devotional Committee shall look after the spiritual interest of the class.

SEC. 11. The Social and Entertainment Committee shall have charge of all socials, and all literary and other exercises that may be given or held by the class.

SEC. 12. The Finance Committee shall look after the finances of the class, and endeavor in every way to encourage a spirit of liberal giving for the benefit of the Sunday School and of the class work. All moneys collected shall be paid over to the Treasurer. This Committee shall co-operate with the Treasurer and aid him in every way possible to secure liberal contributions from the members.

## ARTICLE IX.

This constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment or amendments shall have been presented at least a month before final action thereon.

## ARTICLE X.

### BY-LAWS.

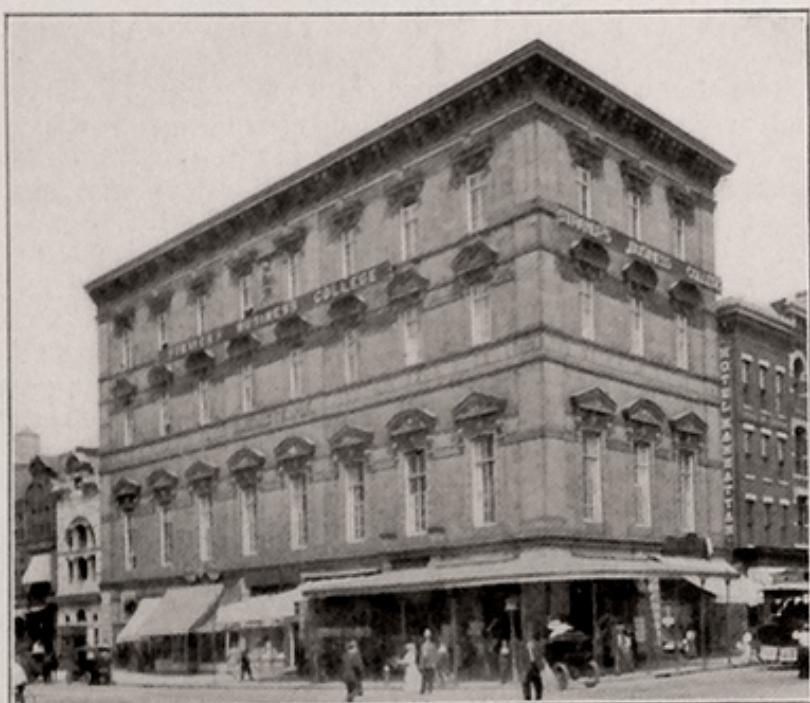
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